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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Cooperativism Week

WHEREAS, the cooperative movement in Puerto Rico acquires every day greater importance in the life of our people;

WHEREAS, cooperativism stimulates among the Puerto Ricans a sense of understanding and brotherhood which is vital in a democratic life;

WHEREAS, cooperativism constitutes a reaffirmation of democratic values and leads to the exalting of man within our social means, in accord with the concern and ideals of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, in Puerto Rico there are 266 cooperatives operating with a membership of 80,000 and an annual volume of operations of 40 million dollars;

WHEREAS, it is evident that cooperativism represents a starting point toward everlasting economic achievements;

WHEREAS, July 7th. has been declared as International Cooperation Day in all free and democratic countries throughout the world that have faith in cooperation as philosophy and practice of life; and Puerto Rico, being a country of democratic concerns and deep belief in the cooperative system, should effectively join in this international celebration;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim the week from July 7 to 13, 1956, as Cooperativism Week, and I invite and urge all my fellow citizens to join the cooperative movement, and to exalt this great movement of democratic militancy to its equitable extent.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to be affixed, at the City of San Juan, this 3rd. day of July, A. D., nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 3rd. day of July, 1956.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY Assistant Secretary of State